GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5394
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CONSTITUTION OF A CORE GROUP BY NHRC
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs engaged in the field of Human Rights in the country;

(b) whether the National Human Rights Commission has constituted acore group to serve as a monitory mechanism for consultations with NGOs engaged in the field of human rights;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the core group is likely to start functioning ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) does not maintain information regarding all NGOs engaged in the field o Human Rights in the country. However, it has a list of NGOs on its mailing list for the purpose of despatching its Newsletters. There are 300 such NGOs listed with NHRC.

(b) & (c): The NHRC holds consultations from time to time with the NGOsengaged in the field of human rights. To review the progress of these Consultations and to serve as a monitoring mechanism, the Commission has constituted a Core Group under the Chairmanship of Shri Chaman Lal, Special Rapporteur, NHRC with the following as Members:

1. Smt. Aruna Roy, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan.

2. Shri Henri Tiphagne, People`s Watch, Tamil Nadu.

3. Shri Harsh Mandar, Action Aid India.

4. Shri Javed Abidi, National Centre for Promotion of Employment of Disabled People.

5. Shri Ravi Nair, South Asian Human Rights Documentation Centre.
6. Dr. Y.P. Chhibbar, People`s Union Liberties.

7 Mrs. Meera Shiva, Voluntary Association of India.

8. Shri Ashok Rawat, Helpage India.

9. Ms. Federica Donati, UNICEF.

(d): The Core Group has started functioning from 17th July, 2001.